

## Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Greene County Pretrial Services

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### Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

Major Responsibility: Gathering and verifying background information concerning persons charged with a criminal offense when they are arrested or summoned to the court. Information is gathered through interviews with the defendant, arresting authorities, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, family and community members. Also, uses law enforcement automated criminal records systems to obtain and verify information. Drug testing and substance abuse assessments are also a part of this responsibility.

Evaluates information and prepares a report to the judge prior to a bond hearing with an assessment of flight risk and danger to the community. A recommendation regarding release or detention of the defendant is included in the report. In formulating a recommendation, considers prior convictions, ability of the defendant to post bond, community ties, possibility of substance abuse, and the risk of flight as well as the degree of danger to the community.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

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Type of population with which students would be working (e.g., adults, adolescents, children, physically challenged, cognitively challenged, etc.):

Adults that are charged with a criminal offence. A good number of them will have mental health, and substance abuse issues.

## **Our Students**

### **Undergraduates**

Our undergraduate students typically are juniors and seniors with 17-35 credit hours in Psychology. There are exceptions. If you have any special requirements for students who apply at your practicum site, please describe them.

### **Graduate Students**

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or some time during their second year in the clinical track of our graduate psychology program. These students need direct service contact with clients, and also need weekly supervision from a licensed mental health professional. Is your site interested in working with our graduate students?

## **Hours, Pay, and Commitment**

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students:

Is this a paid practicum? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

If yes, what is pay rate? \_\_\_\_\_

What length of commitment (e.g., semester, three months, six months), do you expect from the student?

Semester

## **Application Process**

What is the preferred application process (e.g., email/mail resume/schedule an appointment)?

Schedule appointment and bring resume.

Please provide any other information that would be useful in helping our students to make more informed choices.

We would prefer graduate students.

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